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Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM: Rudy Garcia, Santa Fe County Commissioner, District 3

RE: A Proclamation Proclaiming April 29, 2019 As “Community Health Day in Santa Fe County”

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Santa Fe County Commissioners adopted the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan in 2015, which focuses on Santa Fe County health priorities including increasing access to health care, increasing the consumption of healthy food, reducing suicide drug overdose and alcohol abuse amongst our residents.

To address the lack of health care services in the three county area, the County in partnership with First Choice Community Health Care, the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico Department of Health, New Mexico State Land Office, and the United States Department of Agriculture, developed the Mountain and Valley Health Facility (Facility) as the anchor for the Edgewood Health Commons Project. The Facility includes a comprehensive health care center which will provide primary medical, dental and behavioral health care, after-hours urgent care, specialty consults and x-ray service.

In celebration of the Ribbon Cutting and Community Celebration of the Facility, Monday April 29, 2019, is proclaimed as “Community Health Day in Santa Fe County.”

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioner Garcia respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve of this proclamation.



Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING APRIL 29TH 2019 AS

“Community Health Day in Santa Fe County”

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Board of County Commissioners adopted the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan*, which focuses on Santa Fe County (County) health priorities including increasing access to health care, increasing the consumption of healthy food, reducing suicide, drug overdose and alcohol abuse amongst our residents; and

WHEREAS, the County is implementing an Accountable Health Community, to ensure that all County residents regardless of income have access to high-quality health care and are linked to the resources they need for health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, in November 2016, Santa Fe County voters approved a \$5,000,000 general obligation bond for the development of Community Health Facilities in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 *Health Services Gap Analysis* prepared for the Community Services Department identified the southern portion of Santa Fe County, including the communities of Cerrillos, Madrid and Edgewood, as a Health Professional Shortage Area with shortages of primary care, dental care, and mental health providers, as designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, the scarcity of healthcare services in southern Santa Fe County (and neighboring Torrance and Bernalillo Counties), has posed a dilemma for families seeking medical services; and

WHEREAS, the population of southern Santa Fe County is approximately 40,000 residents and of that total, approximately 10,000 are living below 200% of the federal poverty level, 5,000 are on Medicaid or other public insurance programs, and 5,000 are uninsured; and

WHEREAS, to address the lack of health care services in the three county area, the County in partnership with First Choice Community Health Care, the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico Department of Health, New Mexico State Land Office, and the United States Department of Agriculture, developed the Mountain and Valley Health Facility (Facility) as the anchor for the Edgewood Health Commons Project; and

WHEREAS, the Facility includes a comprehensive health care center which will provide primary medical, dental and behavioral health care, after-hours urgent care, specialty consults and x-ray services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in celebration of the Ribbon Cutting and Community Celebration of the Facility, Monday April 29, 2019, is proclaimed as

Community Health Day in Santa Fe County



**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL,
2019.**

Anna T. Hamilton, Chair
Commissioner District 4

Henry P. Roybal, Vice-Chair
Commissioner District 1

Anna Hansen, Commissioner
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTESTATION:

R. Bruce Frederick
County Attorney

Geraldine Salazar
County Clerk

